

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application ~~Attorney Docket No. Doshi-48-~~ ~~††~~ Serial No. 09/588,490, filed concurrently herewith in the name of inventors B. Doshi and R. Nagarajan and entitled “Methods and Apparatus for Protection Against Network Failures,” which is incorporated by reference herein.